



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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All Department/District Heads

At its meeting held December 14, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“During the month of January, many activities are being planned throughout Los Angeles County to focus attention on the importance of early detection and prevention of cervical cancer.

“According to the latest report from the Los Angeles County Cancer Surveillance Program, approximately 550 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year and 160 women will die unnecessarily of cervical cancer - unnecessarily because cervical cancer is a preventable disease. No woman should have to die from a preventable disease.

“The Board has taken an active leadership role in addressing the high incidence of cervical cancer in the County by approving and partially funding the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Education Initiative implemented by the Department of Health Services’ Office of Women’s Health beginning in January 2002, and annually proclaiming January as ‘Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.’

“Through hard work and determination, the Office of Women’s Health, elected officials and community partners have made a successful contribution towards raising awareness that cervical cancer is preventable with routine Pap tests, increasing the number of women screened, and increasing access to screening, follow-up and treatment by addressing barriers to care.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Proclaimed January 2005 as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" throughout Los Angeles County, in recognition of the many activities to increase awareness that cervical cancer is preventable with routine screening exams that lead to its early detection and treatment;
2. Encouraged all Department/District Heads to provide educational activities for department staff, coordinate and participate in community outreach activities, and provide screening exams for low-income women during January 2005; and
3. Instructed the Auditor-Controller to work with the Director of Health Services in making arrangements to provide Cervical Cancer Awareness Month information in the January 15, 2005 paychecks of all County employees.

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